

Steve Westly *California State Controller*



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WESTLY AGAINST RECALL, WON'T RUN IN RECALL ELECTION

Sacramento, June 17, 2003 – State Controller Steve Westly said today that he will not run for Governor this year should a recall qualify for the state ballot.

Westly has opposed the recall effort since it started, and when asked, has said he's not interested in running in a recall election. He reiterated that position today, in response to questions following similar announcement by State Treasurer Angelides and Attorney General Lockyer.

"Our state budget crisis is so great, and the consequences of not solving it so dire, that no elected official should focus on anything else until the difficult job of crafting and enacting a budget is done. Yet supporters of the recall against Gov. Gray Davis are diverting time, energy and attention away from solving the budget problem to pick a political fight," Westly said.

"Your legislators and statewide officeholders shouldn't be gathering signatures, monitoring polls and pondering potential replacement governors. They should be focused on the budget, period," he said.

"There's a time and place for partisan politics. This is not it."

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